## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

UNILOC 2017 LLC	
Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-00503-JRG
v.	
GOOGLE LLC,	
Defendant.	

DEFENDANT GOOGLE LLC'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 285

<b>A.</b>	

B. Uniloc's Arguments Confirm that Its Infringement Theory Was Implausible
Uniloc's 285 Opposition confirms that it willfully or recklessly ignored the intrinsic
record and Google's internal documents, rendering this case exceptional.
As explained above,

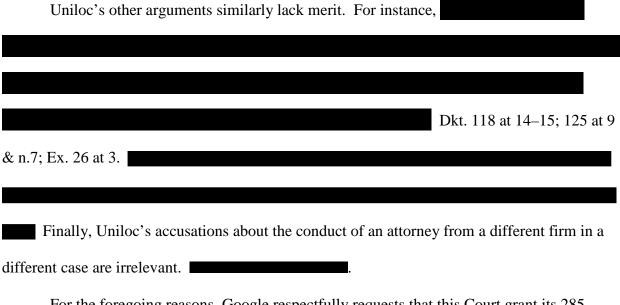
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	. <i>MarcTec</i> , 664 F.3d at 919–20.
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C.		

; *Hakin v. Cannon Avent Grp.*, *PLC*, 479 F.3d 1313, 1320 (Fed. Cir. 2007) (excluding untimely expert declaration that the court found "self-serving, [and] biased"). <sup>2</sup> Citations to "Ex. \_\_" are to the exhibits attached to the Declaration of Michael A. Berta in Support of Google's Reply in Support of Its Motion for an Award of Fees and Costs Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, filed concurrently herewith.

Uniloc's attempt to shift the burden to Google to provide notice of non-infringement as a defense to awarding fees has been rejected by Uniloc's own cited authority. *Stone Basket Innovations*, *LLC v. Cook Med. LLC*, 892 F.3d 1175, 1182–83 (Fed. Cir. 2018) (acknowledging that a purported lack of notice does not excuse plaintiff's "willful ignorance or failure to assess the soundness of pending claims."); *see also Thermolife Int'l LLC v. GNC Corp.*, 922 F.3d 1347, 1358 (Fed. Cir. 2019) (holding that no "such notice is rigidly required" to award fees).

## D. Uniloc's Other Arguments Lack Merit



For the foregoing reasons, Google respectfully requests that this Court grant its 285 Motion.

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I certify that the foregoing document is authorized to be filed under seal pursuant to the Protective Order entered in this case.

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